

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 407
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Leo Martindale of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Leo Martindale; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale, a former member of the Madison County Commission and a member of Jackson's first City Council, was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Leo Martindale joined the U.S. Army after graduating high school, serving for 18 months with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the Army, Leo Martindale pursued his lifelong love of sports, playing professional baseball for several years, including a stint with Jackson's own Kitty League team, the Jackson Generals; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale then commenced employment with the BellSouth Telephone Company, serving this company with great acumen and alacrity for 39 remarkable years; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale served as a Madison County Commissioner for eight years before his 1988 election to the Jackson City Council, a body that began governing the city in January, 1989; and

WHEREAS, as a City Council member, Leo Martindale devoted his time and energy to improving the lives of his fellow Jacksonians until his resignation in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale's love of sports did not wane with his exit from professional baseball; his sports background also included 25 years of involvement with the Little League and Babe Ruth baseball programs, 30 years of officiating high school basketball and football games and 20 years of officiating Ohio Valley Conference football; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale enjoyed the loving companionship of Mary "Cokey" Hutcheson Martindale, his loving wife of 52 years whom he started dating when she was 15 and he was 17; he was the proud father of Courtenay Wilson, Edward L. Martindale, Jr., Michael L. Martindale and George H. Martindale; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale was also blessed with four siblings; he was preceded in death by one brother, David L. Martindale, and is survived by one sister, Geraldine King, and two brothers, Kenneth Martindale and Wink Martindale; and

WHEREAS, Leo Martindale leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Leo Martindale, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and

conviction as we pay tribute to his exemplary public service as a member of the Madison County Commission and Jackson City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Martindale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.